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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 13 March 1952

Director of Central Intelligence Agency
General Walter Bedell Smith
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral R. F. Stout, acting for Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Atomic Energy Commission
Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

*Mr. Frank G. Wisner, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Loftus E. Becker, Central Intelligence Agency
*Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick, Central Intelligence Agency
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*Mr. Richard Helms, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. P. H. Trezise, Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Lieut. Colonel U. G. Carlan, Department of the Army
Lieut. Colonel George Wilson, Department of the Army
Mr. Roy S. Tod, Department of the Army
Mr. R. W. Guenthner, Department of the Army
Captain Kenneth C. Hurd, USN, Department of the Navy
Commander D. F. Harrington, Jr., USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
*Colonel Charles F. Gillis, Department of the Air Force
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff

James Q. Reber
Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 6 March 1952 (IAC-M-63) were approved. Add Dr. Henderson to those present.

Prospects for the Establishment
of an Inclusive Middle East
Command Organization (SE-23)

2. Action: Approved as amended.

Proposed Estimates on Soviet
Intentions and War Potential
(IAC-D-44)

3. Action: Agreed that (a) the estimates proposed in this paper should be prepared; (b) NIE-63 and NIE-64, dealing with the capabilities and courses of action of the USSR respectively through mid-1953, would be published as one estimate, with two parts if necessary, this being a more practical and efficient use of research; (c) the scope of NIE-65 should be extended to 1957 in order to be more useful to policy planning officials.

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6. The report was noted without suggestion for change.

Coordination in Berlin

7. Action: It was agreed that there should be established a coordinator of intelligence activities in Berlin, it being understood that the function of this officer was to pull together the chiefs of the various intelligence organizations for their mutual benefit in avoiding duplication of effort detrimental to each other and our objectives. Mr. Kirkpatrick was requested to draft in collaboration with the other interested agencies a plan for coordination, taking into account the discussion of the meeting, for submission to the IAC at the next meeting.

8. Discussion: General Bolling presented a structural chart showing the various intelligence organizations located in Berlin and a map which showed the possible dangers of duplication from uncoordinated efforts in this area. His plea was that some coordinating device be established.

9. General Smith noted the change likely to come about as a result of the conclusions of the German contractual relationship, bringing with it greater independence on the part of the Germans as well as more stringent financial circumstances for all the agencies. He noted the fact that in the field of clandestine collection the DCI does not have authority to tell other agencies what to do. He stated, however, that by virtue of the statute and NSCID 5, it would be proper for him to request other agencies to cease and desist what they are doing in the field of clandestine activities. In the situation in Germany, however, where there are considerable opportunities for clandestine collection and all too few resources with which to collect and where also substantial intelligence acquired

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by the other agencies would be lost if their activity was discontinued, it would be wiser to coordinate the various activities. He conceived that it might be done either through a small general staff or a coordinating committee whose chairman, it seemed to him, should be a representative of the CIA. At the moment no officer within the Agency is available for this function and he had discussed with General Bolling the possibility of assigning an Army officer who would be competent and available.

10. General Samford concurred in General Smith's proposal. He felt certain that if the coordination attempted here were carried on in the right spirit there would be positive rather than negative results. He emphasized that too precise an instruction to the various agencies in Berlin would tend to make them feel that there was no freedom for independent movement.

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